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REVISIONS TO CABLE TELEVISION RATE REGULATIONS

MB DOCKET NO. 02-144

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Comments Due: November 4, 2002

Reply Comments Due: December 4, 2002

On June 19, 2002, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order ("NPRM" or "Order") in this proceeding proposing to update its cable television rate regulations to reflect the end of its jurisdiction over rates for cable programming services pursuant the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and to review and update its rules governing rate regulation of basic service tier rates and related equipment by local franchising authorities. On August 14, 2002, the Commission released an Order (FCC 02-228) reconsidering certain aspects of the Order and clarifying instructions for FCC Form 1240. The Commission keyed the Comment and Reply Comment dates for the NPRM on its publication in the Federal Register. The Federal Register published the NPRM and Order on September 5, 2002. Accordingly, Comments on the NPRM are due November 4, 2002 and Reply Comments are due December 4, 2002.

When interested parties file comments, they should reference MB Docket No. 02-144. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. Although multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, commenters should transmit only one electronic copy of the comments to MB Docket No. 02-144, Revisions to Cable Television Rate Regulations. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. Although more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters should only submit copies to MB Docket No. 02-144, Revisions to Cable Television Regulations. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Services mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistrionix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 2002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. One copy of each filing also must be filed with Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, parties must also send four copies of each paper filing to Wanda Hardy, Media Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 3-A862, Washington, DC 20554.

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